

TODAY'S MUST READS – FEBRUARY 8, 2013

ALLIANCE MENTIONS

TOWN HALL MEETING TO PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

The Post News Group
February 8, 2013

The California Alliance for Retired Americans is holding a Town Hall Meeting to say: No Cuts to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, Monday, Feb. 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 pm

<http://www.postnewsgroup.com/publishedcontent/2013/02/08/town-hall-meeting-to-protect-social-security-and-medicare/>

FORUM IN RHINEBECK WILL AIR IDEAS FOR A BETTER NEW YORK BUDGET

Tricorner News
February 7, 2013

The New York State Alliance for Retired Americans, along with other organizations from the Better Choice Budget Coalition, will host a forum to air ideas for a better New York budget on Wednesday, Feb. 13th in Rhinebeck, NY

<http://www.tricornernews.com/node/28042>

POLITICS

THANKS TO CONGRESSIONAL INCOMPETENCE, SATURDAY MAIL DELIVERY IS HISTORY

ThinkProgress
February 6, 2013

The U.S. Postal Service announced on Wednesday that it will discontinue first class Saturday mail delivery, marking another milestone in the decline of the once-ubiquitous government service. But it isn't a switch to online mail that's causing the postal demise — it's Congress.

<http://thinkprogress.org/economy/2013/02/06/1547551/postal-service-saturday-delivery/>

MORE JOBS, HIGHER PAY

New York Times
February 4, 2013

What has been missing for years is a forceful labor agenda — one that calls for more jobs, but also has as its goal rising wages coupled with robust hiring.

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/02/05/opinion/more-jobs-higher-pay-in-obamas-second-term.html?_r=0

BUSINESS AND LABOR UNITE TO TRY TO ALTER IMMIGRATION LAWS

New York Times

February 7, 2013

After decades of friction over immigration, the nation's labor unions and the leading business association, the Chamber of Commerce, have formed an unusual alliance that is pushing hard to revamp American immigration laws.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/02/08/business/business-and-labor-unite-to-try-to-alter-immigration-laws.html?hp>

SEQUESTER CUTS A TIME BOMB FOR GOP?

Politico

February 8, 2013

Republicans open to letting billions in sequester cuts go through figure they can blame the president if the economy goes south.

But Democrats are betting they can shift that blame right back to the GOP.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/02/sequester-cuts-ticking-time-bomb-87363.html>

MEDICARE

OBAMACARE MEDICARE CHANGES SAVED ALMOST \$6 BILLION ON DRUGS: REPORT

Huffington Post

February 7, 2013

Older Americans and people with disabilities are paying less for their prescription drugs under Medicare. According to a report issued Thursday by the Obama administration, health care reform has saved 6.1 million people more than \$5.7 billion.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeffrey-young/obamacare-medicare-change_b_2639095.html

OBAMA NOMINATES TAVENNER TO LEAD MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

Reuters

February 7, 2013

President Barack Obama on Thursday renominated one of his top healthcare advisers to lead the federal agency responsible for overseeing Medicare, Medicaid and the implementation of his 2010 healthcare reform law.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/02/08/usa-healthcare-tavener-idUSL1N0B80M720130208>

HEALTH

AGING EASY RIDERS BEWARE

New York Times

February 8, 2013

A new study, published this week in the journal Injury Prevention, found that older bikers are three times as likely to be severely injured in a crash as younger riders.

<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/02/08/aging-easy-riders-beware/?ref=elderly>